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1. [redacted] Chinese Communists planned to build eight airstrips along the highways between Foochow and Amoy for use as Air Force bases. One of these, for use by heavy bombers, is under construction near Shihshih (118-36, 24-45) east of Tungshan¹ (118-10, 24-44). One is to be built between Shihshih and Lingshui (望水) south of Chinchiang² (118-34, 24-54) and another near Shanyao (山腰) north of Hulan (118-48, 25-03). [redacted]

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2. The Changchou (117-42, 24-32) airfield has been rebuilt and equipped with a radar station.⁴ The airfield is controlled by Soviet officers and sixty Soviet technicians who transferred to the airfield from Canton. 50X1-HUM

3. [redacted] about 5,600 laborers were employed on construction of the Hoshan airfield in Amoy.⁵ The Amoy Labor Union was responsible for recruiting laborers. Laborers were organized into squads of thirty men composed of three units of ten each. The 24 Engineering Regiment supervised the work, which included the widening of the airfield to about 5,700 feet and building a cross-shaped runway capable of handling B-25-type aircraft. In addition, about fifty Soviet-type living quarters were built in the neighborhood by the Amoy Construction Association. All of this work was completed [redacted]

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4. [redacted] work was started on twenty dugouts twenty feet deep and an underground gasoline storage dump forty feet deep at the Hoshan airfield. This work is being done by civil servants, school teachers, students, and proprietors and employees of all types of businesses in Amoy under the supervision of fifty Soviet engineers. 50X1-HUM

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5. [] the runways at Chienou (118-19, 27-04) airfield had been repaired. 50X1-HUM
6. [] the Swatow airfield had one hard-surfaced runway and one dirt runway which crossed the hard-surfaced strip. There were two bomb craters at the eastern end of the hard-surfaced strip, but it was still serviceable. However, no air activity was observed. 50X1-HUM
7. [] in order to expedite construction of the Liuchou (109-16, 24-18) airfield, Chinese Communist military authorities in Peiping dispatched a group of technicians to Liuchou. A group of service troops from the 2 Field Army and one bulldozer were also sent from Chungking to Liuchou. 50X1-HUM
8. The Nant'ai airfield near Foochow was being repaired [] by about 4,000 civilian and military laborers who were working day and night. []⁶ The runway was being lengthened from 1,470 meters to 2,100 meters⁷ and widened from 30 meters to 100 meters. Runways were in operable condition [] materials arrived at the airfield for construction of several warehouses. 50X1-HUM
- 1 [] Comment. Possibly this is the airfield near Mahsiang (118-14, 24-40). [] About 20,000 workers were said to have been employed on the construction of this airfield.
- 2 [] Comment. [] the halting of construction on the airfield near Mahsiang []
- 3 []
- 4 [] Comment. The highway in this area has also been widened. []
- 5 [] Comment. [] 10,000 workers were employed in construction work at this airfield. 50X1-HUM
- 6 [] Comment. This work was [] almost completed []
- 7 [] Comment. The runway was [] being lengthened to 2,400 meters. []

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